

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed October 5, 2005. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 1 - 13 and 16 – 22 are pending. In particular, Applicant has amended claim 1, has added claims 21 and 22, and has canceled claims 14 and 15. Applicant has canceled claims 14 and 15 merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these canceled claims in a continuing application, if Applicant so chooses, and does not intend to dedicate the canceled subject matter to the public. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that claim 1 and its dependent claims would be allowable if amended to incorporate the limitation that the flexible circuit conforms to the majority of the outer surface of the main body. Although respectfully agreeing with this contention, Applicant has amended claim 1 to additionally recite “a majority of the flexible circuit conforming to an exterior of the main body.” Applicant respectfully asserts that this limitation patentably distinguishes over the cited art and, therefore, places claim 1 in condition for allowance.

Notably, although Applicant appreciates that the language proposed in the Office Action for placing claim 1 in condition for allowance is covered by Applicant’s disclosure, such is not shown in Fig. 1. That is, in Fig. 1, the flexible circuit does not conform to a majority of the outer surface of the main body, because the flexible circuit does not contact the sides or top of the main body in that embodiment. A majority of the flexible circuit does, however, conform to the exterior of the main body. Thus, Applicant has amended claim 1 to

recite that which is believed to have been intended by the language proposed by the Office Action while patentably distinguishing over the cited art.

Since claims 2 – 13 and 16 – 22 are dependent claims that incorporate the limitations of claim 1, Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims also are in condition for allowance.

Newly Added Claims

With respect to new claims 21 and 22, Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims are in condition for allowance for at least the reason that these claims are dependent claims that incorporate the limitations of claim 1. No new matter has been added.

Additionally, claim 21 refines the recited relationship of the flexible circuit and the main body as follows:

21. The module as in claim 1, wherein the exterior of the main body has a first face, an opposing second face, and a third face extending therebetween, and wherein the flexible circuit extends between the first face and the second face.

Applicant respectfully asserts that these structural relationships are not taught or otherwise suggested by the cited art. Therefore, claim 21 is allowable for at least this additional reason.

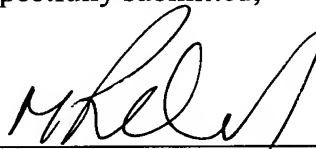
Cited Art Made of Record

The cited art made of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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